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Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. Col. 4:2 . . . Be careful for nothing: but in everything all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many, redound to the is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Psalm 95:7 . . . But the Lord is The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth profit? Even so But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19 . . . And the God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now here He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousnesses from the God of his salvation. Psalm 24:5 . . . Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye into his gates with thanksgiving and into



. . . I will offer to thee the sacrifice of Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; 147:7, 8 . . . For in the days of David thanks unto the Father which hath made them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanks That I may publish with the voice of and pay thy vows unto the most High. sang together by course in praising and windows being open toward Jerusalem, Giving thanks always for all things unto him let us offer the sacrifice of praise to anks be unto God, which always causeth be unto God for his unspeakable gift. every creature of God is good, and I will make all my goodness pass before let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed For thou preventest him with the blessing He loveth righteousness and judgment: boasteth thou thyself in mischief O might I will mention the lovingkindness of the . . . he hath heard the voice of my he did good, and gave us rain from

and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: and let them be for lights in the in full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season. Job 5:26 . . . Great is the Lord, and greatly Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. Proverbs 13:25 . . . And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf

"Easy To Forget"

Edwin Raymond Anderson

"HELLO there, Alf!" The elderly gentlemen out for a brief stroll on the pleasant and sunny afternoon, had paused before the trim house in the center of the street, upon spying the familiar figure seated on the wide porch. "Mind if I come up and sit a spell? That is . . . if you aren't busy with anything . . ."

Henry Ward had noted that his friend Alf Jenner was sitting on the porch, hunched over a paper in his hand, and with a strange expression clouding the features. It was a full moment before the porched figure looked up and leveled his gaze at the other.

"Why, if it isn't Henry Ward himself! Of course . . . come right up. Plenty of room on the porch" He waved a hand in the direction of the nearby seat as the other ascended, clasped the hand in greeting. "Don't see much of you lately . . . so you're doubly welcome."

With a grunt, Ward seated himself and cast a quizzical glance at the paper in the other's hand. Noting it, Jenner turned, with a nod at the sheet. "It's a letter from my boy, David. Letter from College . . . you know . . . Mount Wood College. Been there two years now, and getting along well . . ."

The listener leaned over and tapped a finger upon the arm. "Something's troubling you, Alf. Plain as day to see it. Now . . . you know me for an old friend, and if I could help you in any way. Hope your boy . . ."

The suddenness of the returned glance cut the words short. For a long moment there was silence, and then Alf Jenner spoke slowly. "Thanks for your words . . . and help, Henry. No, there isn't anything wrong with the boy, or with the College . . ."

"Tell me anyway, Alf."

The gentle prodding brought a thin smile. "Well, all right. Maybe it will sound silly, but being a father, that's the way I feel about it. This letter here . . .", he tapped the sheet, "It's another request for money. Not for a large amount, but a request anyway. Same as I have been sending him before. And it's not that I mind, or don't want to send it, but . . ."

"But what, Alf?"

It is not the part of faith to question but to obey.

Missionary thought. Central Asia — Population 35,000,000. Almost wholly unevangelized. Most of it closed to the Gospel. Pray.

The other swung over and gripped his friend's arm. "Well its only that . . . that there isn't a single word of thanks for all the money and things that I have been sending him. David is a good boy, and I know that he means right and well. But, Henry, I can't help it . . .", he paused and sighed deeply, "it hurts . . . a good deal, that he would forget such a little thing as to just stick in a line of thanks. Henry . . . don't think it silly of me . . ."

Henry Ward looked away and along the street for a long instant, and when he did return his gaze, it was with the mist of tear in the eye. Alf Jenner eyed him curiously.

"No . . . Alf, it's not silly at all. I can understand how you must feel about it. But I have been thinking of something else . . . in a way . . . while you were speaking. Something that sort of convicted me, way deep down inside my heart."

"I . . . I don't follow you, Henry."

"Well, Alf, here you are, a father. You are hurt because your boy forgets to thank you for what you have done. I've been thinking the while . . . isn't that just like many of us Christians? We come running to the Lord for what we need, and with our aches and troubles, but somehow we seem to forget to 'stick in a prayer line' of thanks every once in a while."

The light of understanding beamed across Alf Jenner's face as his friend was speaking, and he nodded slowly. "I see what you mean, Henry . . . and you're right. If I feel hurt because of the forgetfulness of my boy, how much more must the dear Lord feel hurt when we forget to thank Him for all of His goodness. That reminds of the story in the Gospels of the ten lepers who came to Jesus for cleansing. Remember it, Henry?" The other nodded vigorously. "Most of us are like those nine who went away happy to be cleansed, but forgetting to pause just for a minute to thank the Lord."

Henry Ward smiled slightly. "Seems like a lot of Christians belong to the 'society of the ancient and dishonourable forgetful nine'!! And who can tell, Alf? Maybe that the Lord has used that letter from your boy, with its forgetfulness, to remind and convict us of how much we fail the Lord in much the same way . . ."

Alf Jenner looked down and tapped the sheet. "It could well be, Henry, it could well be. At least we do need to be reminded of it so many times . . . even though the Lord must come pretty close to home to hit us with it!"

Waterbury, Conn.

The Price of Greatness

Not everyone can be great in the worldly sense of greatness. But everyone can be great in character, provided he is willing to pay with his efforts the price of such greatness.

Perhaps the price most people shun is the price of being lonely. The truly great have had to be very much alone—not alone in a monastic sense, but alone in their struggles to be true to their ideals. The crowd always seeks the easy way, the popular way. Very few achieve greatness because not many find themselves sufficiently strong to stand out against the majority. The majority, contrary to the common acceptance, is seldom right.

Because Noah was willing to stand alone when no one else cared to follow the high road, he was enabled to save himself and his family, while those who lived according to the popular mode were drowned in the flood. Besides saving himself, Noah became the father of a new race of people, thus sharing with Adam the honor of being the father of the human race.

—James W. Barber.

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Editorial

Why Not Believe God Too?

If the autoist sounds his horn you get out of the way; if the motorman rings his bell or the fireman clangs his gong you hasten to safety; yet when God warns you to "flee from the wrath to come" you are indifferent. Is not God's warning worth as much to you as the warnings of men?

If the cook says the food is tainted you throw it away; if the druggist tells you a thing is poisonous you beware of it; if the health authorities serve notice that the drinking water you are using is contaminated, you stop drinking it; yet when the God of love tells you that "the wages of sin is death," you go right on sinning.

If a painter puts up a notice, "Fresh Paint," you move cautiously; if a workman hangs out a sign, "DANGER," you keep away; if the authorities post a notice, "NO TRESPASSING," you observe the warning; but when God faithfully tells you that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die," you turn a deaf ear.

If the doctor says a certain person has a very contagious disease, you do not need to be told twice to stay away; if an electrician tells you that an electric cable is a "live wire" you step back and let it alone; if a lecture bureau says, "No admission without a ticket," you make sure to get the kind they require before you approach the entrance; yet when Christ says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," you close your mind against Him and go on in sin.

If a merchant puts a sign over some article saying, "Take One," you push your way in with the crowd and get it; if a druggist advertises a "free sample" of anything, you hasten to get one before they are gone; but when the Holy Spirit announces that the free "gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," you say: "Not just now," although you need it more than you need anything else in the world. That is why men are lost.

The Bible says: "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater . . . He that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." Believe God now and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master.—*Good News.*

"There are two kinds of people in our churches, pillars and caterpillars. The pillars hold up the church, while the caterpillars simply go in and out."

"True devotion asks no reward but the fellowship of its object."



The Grave of the Discouraged Teacher

E. B. Hatcher

In the city of Washington, many years ago, a teacher had in his class a mischievous boy who not only would not listen, or behave well, but who interfered with the other scholars giving their attention. The teacher became discouraged regarding that boy.

Later on the boy left Washington for the West, and there wasted his life in reckless dissipation. Years afterward he came to Baltimore and spent the night in debauchery, and next morning, while under the weakening spell of his dissipation, he started walking along the streets of Baltimore. He soon found himself in one of the city's cemeteries and suddenly noticed on a tombstone the name of his old Sunday School teacher. A flood of memories rushed upon him. Things that the teacher said came back to him. His heart melted, he pulled himself over the little railing, went to the grave, and there he gave his life to Christ as he knelt down and kissed the very dirt on the grave of his faithful old teacher.

He entered the ministry and became the pastor of the most prominent churches in Virginia, and one of the most greatly beloved of all the Virginia pastors.

And yet his old teacher had gone to his grave years before, feeling that his work was a failure, as far as that boy was concerned.—*The Evangelist.*

On After Prayer

While the minister was seating himself comfortably, in anticipation of hearing a brother minister preach in his pulpit that Sunday morning, word arrived saying that the visiting preacher could not come. The other clergyman had not prepared a special sermon, as he had felt quite confident that he would be relieved that day. Hastily, he had to cast about for some theme upon which he might speak in this emergency.

The opening hymn already had been sung. It was time for the morning Scripture lesson and the prayer. About to rise and read from the Word, the minister noticed a bit of paper lying at his feet. He picked it up. It was a note slipped to him by the old janitor. It read:

"Power is off—on after prayer."

The pipe organ had become temporarily out of order. The janitor had turned off the power while he adjusted a minor part of the mechanism. The note was intended to advise the organist of the fact.

But it did much more than that. It gave the embarrassed minister a theme for a sermon. "Power off—on after prayer" were the words that set his thoughts to working. He regarded them as a message sent from God. He preached a powerful sermon on the necessity of praying much if we would have power for God's service.

"Power off"—is it? You know; I know, if it is. "After prayer"—it will be on, if we go to God in the proper attitude. Ours is the asking; His is the doing. Ask for power; God will give it, if we intend to use it for His glory.—*Chester Shuler.*

Perils In The Way

Bishop Luke Keefer

Adapted from a message given at the Roxbury Peace Conference in July 1950.

OUR PEACE testimony of opposition to war and all that has to do with war and its promotion, is as sound as the Bible, as enduring as God, and as practical as the laws of God in nature. But as in any other phases of one's espousal to a profession of faith in spiritual principal, there is attack and opposition to be expected and prepared for, so that the truth is not forfeited.

This opposition might be from an exterior source such as from warmongers and infidels, or it might be from within, as the lack of personal persuasion, understanding, or spirituality. The topic at hand will be a suggested coverage of at least seven of these kinds of attack against our Church's point of view as we believe the Bible instructs us to believe and practice.

(1) Ignorance of the Scriptures

It is supposed by some that we of the Brethren in Christ Church are taking a stand against war on the basis of being told, from one generation to another, that war is wrong and that it is the adopted policy of the church to profess as we do because this was the position handed to us historically by heritage from our forefathers. Therefore, we stubbornly and thoughtlessly hold to it, not considering what our position ignores in light of our duties to our fellowmen. Such ideas are based on ignorance of what we find in the Scriptures. "Thou shalt not kill," "Love your enemies," "Avenge not yourself—I will repay, saith the Lord," "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer, and no murderer hath eternal life," etc.

The method used against anyone who doesn't really know the Bible teachings, rather having a "heritage" faith, is one of building "suppose" cases. They say, "Now suppose the Russians make an attack on United States and everyone thought like you, then what would happen to your freedom and homes and families, etc?" Or, they say, "If you saw your mother, wife, children being attacked and murdered or stolen into slavery, would you just let them do it and not offer help to your loved ones?"

The peril of not having a Bible grounded conviction lies in the fear that can possess you when thinking unrealistically on "if" cases. This fear thrives when you fail to reckon with the fact of the possibilities of God in the case. Again peril is in the way of the Scripturally ignorant because Christian faith must be founded on

something unchangeable (The Word), or else, under pressure a person will change his attitudes and conducts in keeping with his moods and fears. In the hands of the unskilled in the Word, conscientious objection to warring will be a restless bird that takes wing and deserts its master when grave danger becomes reality.

(2) Distortion of The Scriptures

I can best explain what I mean by using portions of the Bible. In Rom. 13:1-2, the opposers of the C O standpoint interpret



this to mean that one needs to surrender personal conviction for national interests in times of international crisis. This is wrongly interpreted for several reasons. (a) It is not read in context setting. The reader should read the last four verses of the 12th chapter and conclude with the last seven verses of the 13th chapter for a proper tone of scriptural intent. (b) God is not the author of war as seen by Gal.5:19-23. Therefore in supporting war we are not rendering obedience to God but rather to men. On this point the Scripture reads. "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). (c) If it is the responsibility of a Christian to support his country in war, then every country's Christians must go to war and fight each other on battle fronts. **THIS IS INSANELY ILLOGICAL!** Nationality and Christianity are not equals.

Romans 13 plainly teaches Christians to be law abiding and tax paying and authority honoring only to that point wherein we do not need to transgress God's holy truth. Beyond that point I am responsible to God to refuse obedience to my country. *Peril*

is in the way when scriptures are made to mean what one wants them to mean.

(3) Lack of Spirituality

The fact that one could say amen to this treatise is not sufficient proof of a C O attitude of heart. Mentally, perhaps, it can be accepted as logical, but is it of sufficient merit "to live and die by?" Even though a person definitely knows the experience of forgiveness as his own, there is within his breast a bend to perform the things that give immediate preservation and self-importance. This is the carnal mind. Unless the blood of Jesus is sought for deliverance and cleansing from this nature, the victim of this duality of mind is prevented from living an "all out" for God through the workings of the Holy Ghost. Such an undelivered person is liable to be taken by the promotions of the "old man" and will be entangled with the outworkings of the lusts of the flesh if the conditions are present to instigate such manifestations. It is therefore extremely necessary to be both justified and sanctified (baptised with the Holy Ghost and Spirit led) to be certain that under the severest test you will be able to stand a C O. The proof of this can be seen by I Cor. 3:1-3, in which condition of the believing brethren there is every possibility to compromise, taking a non-combatant stand, or even denying, opposition to war altogether when under provocation. People of true holiness experience, filled with perfect love, are truly genuine CO's. *Peril* lies in the way for those who fight "second blessing" holiness, as well as for those who believe in definitely sanctified holy but have not availed themselves of their privilege in the Holy Ghost.

(4) Inconsistent Living

"Be not unequally yoked," "Come out from among them," "Be ye separate," "Touch not" are foundational principles for CO living. Political parties will not have your name registered with their systems and doings. Lodges, labor unions, and pressure groups will not be patronized by the CO. Worldly dress habits, fleshly lust habits, worldly amusement centers, etc., will be done away with because of deep-rooted convictions. Slandering the Brethren in Christ Church because of her distinctiveness of doctrines and practice, coupled with a pressing desire to modify her emphatic emphasis of unworldliness, will be abhorred. Neglect of meeting our relief obligations as prescribed by the church, as well as local personal obligations, will become a concern of the heart. Hoarding of commodities in times of scarcity, and warping claims for rational articles in times of crisis and national emergency, will surely be alien to our business transactions if we are truly CO. Much is expected of the non-resistant be-

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Evangelism Is God's Big Business For His Church

Vance Havner, Greensboro, North, Carolina

NOW AND THEN, various church bodies announce that during the coming year they expect to major in evangelism. Someone has said that such a statement is like a railroad company announcing that it will major in transportation. The business of a railroad is transportation, and the business of a church is evangelism. It is God's chief business for His church any time.

The early-church began with a group of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, filled with the Spirit, witnessing and winning others. They were out to know Christ and to make Him known. Just to be Christians and to persuade others to be Christians. Following Jesus, they became Fishers of Men. They had a story to tell to the nations and they told it everywhere. They were not out to dispense good advice, but to declare good news. They gossiped the Gospel to high and low, in season, and out, from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. But the simple tends to become complex, and so there grew up a vast organization that became an end to itself. It became so occupied with keeping its machinery moving that it could be likened to an oil mill that exported no oil, because it took all the oil to grease its own machinery. Spiritual movements start with men, then run through successive stages of movement, machinery, and finally end as monuments. After a while proselyting members take the place of winning souls and God writes "Ichabod" over the concern and starts afresh somewhere else.

Our Lord said, "He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad." Christ is the great Gatherer, and the only way we can assist Him in His gathering is by winning the lost. Mind you, He said, "He that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad." It is very evident that any Christian who is not engaged in gathering with his Lord, is working against Him. It is not going to church, singing in the choir, or raising money, that identifies us with the great Gatherer, but soul winning.

There is no better evidence of genuine faith in an individual Christian than a passionate desire to make Christ known to others. There is no better proof of the true church, but we live in a day of good tidings and hold our peace. The redeemed of the Lord do not say so. We are like Arctic Rivers frozen at the mouth. The church is dissipating her devotion on a thousand concerns, dribbling her energies on secondary issues. We have so many

irons in the fire that none of them are hot. We need not only consecration, but concentration to our main business of evangelism. We have heard of a Lighthouse Keeper who was supplied with a certain amount of oil with which to keep his light shining, but with the best of intentions, he loaned some of it to a fisherman for his boat, and some more he gave to a villager for his lamp. Thus he dribbled his oil here and there. One night a fierce storm arose and ships went down and lives were lost because the oil gave out in the lighthouse and the beacon failed to shine. The church has wasted her oil these days on causes, some of which may be worthy enough in themselves but she has forgotten that "dark the night of sin hath settled, loud the angry billows roar, eager eyes are watching, longing, for the lights along the shore." We are failing lost men and women because we have neglected our main business of sending the Gospel light. The crisis of this hour will never be met by clever little talks on current events and cookie munching in church basements. How selfish we are to stuff ourselves with Gospel truth while multitudes have never heard. When the disciples served the loaves and fishes to the thousands they did not keep feeding the front row, they reached the last man on the back row. Shame on us, that we gorge ourselves while millions starve for the lack of the Gospel. Our Lord's marching orders were to "go into all the world" making disciples. How slow we have been from the start. Even the Jerusalem saints at the very outset began to settle at the center so that God had to send persecution to scatter them to the circumference. We cannot sit huddled over our own coals in smug mut-

ual congratulation societies behind tons of bricks. If we do not invade the circumference, the circumference will invade us.

We are saved to tell others, and may God awaken our ease in Zion, our playing around with a multitude of little things until we quit majoring in the minor and minoring in the major. Any church whose business is not God's business will soon be out of business.

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"Dynamite Rivets"

Someone has thought of a quicker and faster way to rivet the sides of airplanes or the panels of ships together. It is accomplished by using "dynamite" rivets, an ordinary rivet with the exception that one end contains a small charge of some explosive. One man pushes the rivet through the hole, and another man touches an electric gun at the charged end. The result? The dynamite explodes and forces the end of the rivet up tight against the side of the plates.

"Dynamite" rivets speed up production of airplanes and ships, but "dynamite" Christians hinder gospel work. What is such a Christian? It is a person who, when asked to do something for Christ, explodes on general principles. In fact, they are constantly finding something to "explode" about. Unsaved people see and hear these explosions and say to themselves, "Well, if *that* is the way a *Christian* acts, then I don't want to be a Christian." "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty."—M. K. M.



How To Pray For Missionaries

Mrs. J. Penn-Lewis

"WE ON THE Mission Field cannot rise above the level of God's people at home." These words, coming from a missionary, are solemnly true, and should cause deep heart-searching among the people of God as they look out upon the situation in all lands. The missionaries, says this writer, "are face to face with the prince of this world every day, in fiercest conflict . . . If we were asked what missionary work really is, we could not do better than point to Ephesians 6:12." Before the Church at home can become the effectual "fighting force" in prayer at the back of those who go forth to preach Christ to the heathen, she will have to come to the same knowledge that they have abroad, of the *real opposing forces* they are up against. It is a striking fact, also, that to the native Christians of China, Africa, and other lands, Satan is a reality, and evil spirits are a reality.

Our friends come home from the foreign mission field, and find apathy and deadness in the homeland, and the Church almost in darkness about these spiritual forces. Let us try to get an insight into the truth by a rapid look into Bible statements of the actual warfare, and see what we could do for God's missionary servants, if only we understood.

Our Lord's Objective

From the very beginning of His ministry, our Lord Jesus went forward with a steady aggressive warfare against the powers of darkness. He also gave to His disciples the same authority, and in every place where they went they had two main things to do, as directed by Him; i. e., to preach and to cast out demons (Mark 3:14-15).

The Lord refused to deal with "flesh and blood," or with the secular powers of His time, although He thereby disappointed many who would have accepted Him as the Messiah had He done so. His one objective, from the time of His baptism in Jordan to the hour of His finished work on Calvary, was the conquest of the prince of this world, so that He might redeem his captives and put him to an open shame (Col. 2:14-15, Conybeare). For this purpose He came into the world (Luke 4:18; John 10:1-18); and on the eve of the Cross He was able to say, "Now is the prince of this world cast out" (John 12:31). We read that during a storm He arose and rebuked the winds and the waves (Matt. 8:26), and when He found Peter's wife's mother with a fever, He rebuked the fever (Luke 4:39). They brought unto Him multitudes of sick and needy people to be healed, and again and again it was



with the evil powers at the back of the trouble, that He dealt. When He saw the woman in the synagogue with a "spirit of infirmity," instead of saying, "Poor soul, let her have the rest cure, for she is always tired." He called her to Him and said, "Woman, thou art loosed!" and when His enemies protested against this, He said, "This woman, . . . whom Satan hath bound . . ." (Luke 13:11-1'). So we can trace throughout the Gospels, how Christ was dealing with the forces of evil. He taught the people truth about God, but He

Our Incompetence

Can you put a spider's web back in place, that once has been swept away?

Can you put the apple back again on the bough, which fell at your feet today?

Can you put the lily cup back on the stem, and cause it to live and grow?

Can you mend the butterfly's broken wing, that you crushed with a hasty blow?

Can you put the bloom again on the grape, and the grape again on the vine?

Can you make the dew-drop on the flower, and make it sparkle and shine?

Can you put the petals back on the rose—if you could would it smell so sweet?

Can you put the flower back on the husk, and show me the ripened wheat?

Can you put the kernel back in the nut, or the broken egg in the shell?

Can you put the honey back in the comb, and cover with wax each cell?

Can you put the perfume back in the vase, when once it has sped away?

Can you put the corn-silk on the corn, or down on the catkins, say,

You think these questions are trifling ones—let me ask you another;

Can a hasty word ever be unsaid, or an unkind deed undone?—Anon.

Himself was always dealing with the forces behind the evils around Him.

The real truth is that thousands of God's people—"children of Abraham," i. e., of faith (see Gal. 3:29)—are bound with dumb spirits, with spirits of infirmity, with spirits of prejudice; bound with most unaccountable things, so that the Church at home is paralyzed by the cruel adversary, and therefore unable to strengthen the hands of missionaries abroad, because they do not *know the conflict*. They do not recognize the enemy, and therefore do not know how to pray and how to withstand him in the Name of Jesus. Our position in the Lord Jesus Christ, as truly joined to Him in spirit, and seated with Him in the heavenly places (Eph. 2:6) requires of us the recognition of Satan as a conquered foe, through the Cross—that Christ absolutely vanquished the prince of darkness there, and now we can look that prince in the face and tell him that he is conquered, and he knows it (Rev. 12:11).

The Reality of Satan

But Satan has a great campaign, in so-called Christian countries, to make out that he does not exist, the while he is pouring his forces like a flood on the land. We must not play into his hands and allow him to blind our eyes and make us afraid of the truth of God; but go to the Scriptures and find out what God has clearly told us about these things.

In Matthew 12:29, the Lord said, "First bind the strong man," and then "spoil his house." How can you "bind" the strong man, if you will not recognize his existence and face the fact that he is the hidden cause of evil? The Church must learn this binding power of prayer, for it is written, "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven" (Matt. 18:18). And what can this binding mean except restraining the working of the enemy by appealing to the conquering power of Him who was "manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil."

Here is an illustration of what I mean: Once in the North of England, on a great market square, crowds of people were listening to the communists and atheists speaking. Some of their best speakers were there, trying to stir up the people, and attacking the Christian workers of the town, and their work. A minister who knew something of this prayer warfare, called his Christian people together on the Sunday afternoon, and showed them from the Scriptures how Satan was at the back of this attack on the market square, and that the thing to be done was to "bind" the Adversary. The Spirit of God made it so clear that about one hundred Christians took Christ at His word, and aloud, with united hearts and voices, they said, "In the Name of Jesus Christ we bind the strong man from stirring up these people and from attacking God's work." They sang

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One Real Test

Mont Hurst

THERE ARE MANY kinds of tests and temptations that confront a real Christian all along the way into Eternal Life. You will find temptations besetting you on every hand and learn the many and cunning methods and schemes the Devil uses in order to trap the unwary and careless one. Tests may come in various ways. And, of course, we know that a real test of faith and a measure of its true meaning and depth can come in a challenge to witness to others in personal work. There are many church members, professing Christians, who will not do personal work. They do not feel they have the knack of talking to others about Christ, or they simply are not brave enough or do not have the joy of salvation. If you have the joy of salvation in all its fullness you will naturally want to tell others about your Saviour and win them for Him. You will want to share your joys and blessings with them. And they cannot have these without being followers of Christ.

Many Christians will give of their money with much liberality. They will not shirk in running errands, helping decorate or repair the Sunday School rooms or church, or do many others things. But, when it comes to ringing doorbells and calling on strangers in an effort to win them for Christ, they draw the line. This is a work that is vitally important and one which each true Christian must engage in if God's vineyard is to be supplied with the workers it needs all of the time. How long has it been since you've told someone about Jesus or tried to persuade them to hear the Gospel message and be saved? Have you ever experienced the tremendous happiness that fills your soul when you have led someone to Christ? There is nothing that compares to the joy of knowing that some person is a saved person because you witnessed to them and won them for Christ!

Personal work calls for a thorough knowledge of what you are going to talk to them about. It demands a constant study of the Scriptures, especially those having to do with the plan of salvation, the program of Christ, and the joys of leading a Christian life. And one of the important things in trying to win others is to know how to talk to that particular type of person. You cannot simply use the same line on all. Try to study your prospect in every way as much as possible before you start in. And you will find that persistence is all-important, too. You may feel that you are not qualified to do personal work like a certain friend. Perhaps this is true. But you can find the particular way for you if

you will continue to pray about it, study God's Word and watch for the opportunity that is sure to come your way. If you want to do personal work you will find that God always has a way of opening the door to it in a manner you could not plan nor figure out. God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform? Don't worry about not having the opportunity! It will come when you are determined and prepared.

The worst thing a true Christian can do is to allow the Devil to get at him by reminding him of his inability to talk to others convincingly. Some Christians are bashful and become embarrassed when it comes to speaking to some person about salvation. This is an evasion of duty. A general asked a certain soldier: "What would you do if during the war yonder bridge had to be taken, although it lies under the mouth of the enemy's cannon and, as only a few soldiers could advance at the same time, the order would be given: 'Volunteers to the front.'" The soldier replied: "I would quickly step aside and let the volunteers pass." That's the way many of us act when a word for the Lord requiring self-sacrifice is expected of God's children. We shirk our duty. Recognize your opportunity. You'll see it



if you are in earnest for the Master and want to make your life count for Him in His blessed service. A soldier who had just been assigned to a certain company during a war, rushed up to the company commander during the fighting and asked: "I'm ready to go into battle. Where should I step in?" The commander replied: "Step in anywhere! There's fighting all along the line!" And it is like this with the Christian who wants to win others. There are so many ways and chances to tell others of Christ and show them the way of salvation. And remember, "Now is the appointed time!"

Meet the test of Christian living and stewardship with a smile of joy and appreciation, knowing all the while that the entire power of God Himself and all of the limitless resources of Heaven are back of you. And, when you lead a soul to Christ you will enjoy a thrill of happiness that nothing else can give. Service for the Master brings joy unspeakable and full of glory.—Dallas, Texas.

"LET ME DIE"

Thus prayed Samson, embracing death with both hands as, in the evening of his career, he came to himself and realized that to live for God means death to self. Though a Nazarite from birth, able to kill a lion or many Philistines, or to perform other feats with superhuman strength, yet this strong man, feared by all, was not able to master Samson. Clever was he with riddles, bordering, no doubt, on light talk, but easily led as an animal with ring in nose by low-class women. He was led by Delilah lightly to esteem his birth right, to despise his real friends, and was shorn of his fame and power and blinded by these deceivers when day by day he did the work of women, giving the enemy occasion to rejoice and praise their heathen gods.

Very pathetic it is to see this Nazarite making sport for the heathen. In this desperate condition Samson called upon the God of all mercy who answered with opportunity for Samson to die to self. In the moments following, he gained a greater victory over the Philistines than during

all his former life. But how much better it would have been for Samson had he taken the "death route" as a young man like Elisha and others did—if he had said in the strength of youth, "let me die."

I appeal to young and old today. If my reader is in the evening of life, never having died to self, entreat God now, "let me die", that you may bear fruit in old age. If the reader is young, we with Paul's words beseech you, one and all, "by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Yes, reasonable!!

Do pray, "Let me die." Dear young people, thus surrendered and thus dedicated, you are so much needed in today's whitened harvest fields.

The enemy is making sport of our weak effort. Too many in the church are shorn of their power as Samson was. May we unitedly pray in this hour of opportunity. "let me die."

—W. O. Winger

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- Millerfields, Ky. Nov. 5-19
Bishop H. N. Hostetter, Evangelist
- Gospel Hall, Knifley, Ky. Early 1951
Elder W. O. Winger, Evangelist
- Elizabethtown, Pa. Nov. 5-19
Elder Earl Sider, Evangelist
- Fairland Church, Cleona, Pa. Nov. 5
Elder H. W. Buckwalter, Evangelist
- Chicago Mission, Nov. 5-19
Bishop Monroe M. Book Evangelist
Communion services Saturday Nov. 18 7 p. m.,
- Springfield, Ohio Nov. 26
Elder Marshall Winger, Evangelist

Love Feasts

- Ohio
Chestnut Grove Nov. 4, 5
Sippo Valley, Thanksgiving Meeting Nov. 23

Weddings

EDWARDS-ROHRER—On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 2, in the beautiful Chapel of Roses, Pasadena, California, Sr. Erma Arlene Rohrer, daughter of Elder and Sr. David E. Rohrer, of Pasadena, and Lyle Irving Edwards, of Lapeer, Michigan, were united in marriage in the presence of many friends. The marriage ceremony was performed by the bride's father, assisted by Rev. John Raser, pastor of the Pasadena Congregation. The bride attended Upland College Academy and Pasadena City College. Mr. Edwards is a student at University of California, Los Angeles, where he is studying for his master's degree. They are at home at 34 S. Venice Blvd., Venice, California. May the Lord bless this consecrated young couple.

MARKLEY-LONGANECKER — Sr. Ruth Etta Longanecker, daughter of Sr. Etta Longanecker of Upland, California, became the bride of Bro. Brian Bruce Markley, son of Bro. and Sr. Preston Markley of Upland, California, on September 8, at 8:00 p.m., in the Upland Methodist Church. The ceremony was performed by Elder Riall D. Stump in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

VLAINIC-HALL—On Saturday, October 14, at 2:00 p.m., Miss Mildred Luella Hall, daughter of Mr. Cecil Hall and the late Mrs. Hall of Hagersville, Ontario, became the bride of Mr. Toni Vlainic of Tillsonburg, Ontario. Wedding ceremony was performed at the home of officiating minister, Elder John A. Nigh of Springvale, Ontario, in the presence of the immediate family of the bride.

Births

HARING—On October 18, a daughter, Anna Louise, came to bless the home of Bro. and Sr. Charles Haring of Lewisberry, Penna.

HESS — Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Hess of Quarryville, Pa., are the happy parents of a son, Richard Dagen, born September 20. A brother for Betty Jane.

LEHMAN—To Bro. and Sr. Ira R. Lehman of York, Pa., at the York hospital, September 12, a son, Dale Evan. A brother for Ray Eugene.

LEHMAN—To Arthur and Betty Lehman, York, Pa., on October 4, a son, Barry Lee.

PAULUS—Bro. and Sr. Raymond Paulus of West Milton, Ohio, are happy to announce the birth of a son, Wilmer J., on September 5.

WENGER—Mr. and Mrs. Eldon C. Wenger of Carlisle, Pa., are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Karen Sue, on September 4.

Obituaries

NOAKE—Milton Ellis Noake, born October 11, 1918. His corpse was found in the bullpen June 27, 1950. He had six brothers and sisters older and six brothers and sisters younger than he was. He leaves his widow mother, Ada Esther Noake; six brothers, Ernest, Merle, Orville, Percy, Arthur and Edward; six sisters, Lois, Rhoda, Dora, Esther, Ella, and Ruth.

On the previous Sunday before his accident he requested them to sing during church services "Precious Lord Take My Hand." At the opening of the funeral service held in Bertie Brethren in Christ Church a duet was sung "Precious Lord Take My Hand."

Rev. James Hardy of Fort Erie then read a sequel to the song which he had written for the occasion.

REGISTER — Ruth Register, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Baker, was born April 21, 1915, and departed this life September 7, 1950, aged thirty-five years, four months, and seventeen days.

She was united in marriage to Lloyd Register, April 24, 1938. To this union were born three children, Patricia, Linda, and Penny.

Regarding Direct Gifts to India

This is the season of the year when a number of our constituency may be sending cash gifts by mail to our missionaries in India. This method is not considered safe on the advice of our missionaries. Mail is often opened and the money extracted before reaching them. It is suggested that all gifts of money be sent through the Foreign Mission Board Treasurer, Carl J. Ulery.

Home Mission Program of the Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church

There will be a special Home Mission Program sponsored by the Brethren in Christ congregation of Elizabethtown, Pa. Sunday, November 26. The Mission workers of the state of Pennsylvania have been invited for the occasion. Preceding this special event, on Thursday at the church will be the Annual Thanksgiving Service to which the congregation and interested friends of the community will bring an ingathering. This will be held until Sunday, and the mission stations represented will share alike of the ingathering. Also, offerings will be lifted for the interest of the Home Mission Board and the mission stations. There will be a program Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon.

An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to share in this special service. If you plan to spend the day, bring your lunch. Warm drink will be provided.

On March 2, 1947, she gave her heart to the Lord, receiving a definite experience of salvation. Ruth and her two older daughters were baptized on September 7, 1947.

On Easter Sunday, 1948, the three children were dedicated to the Lord by their mother. Ruth united with the Brethren in Christ Church May 28, 1950, and was a faithful member until death. Her testimony to the last was that she was ready to go to be with her Lord.

Funeral services were held at the Emmanuel Chapel Church, Des Moines, Iowa, September 11, conducted by Elder S. W. Landis, assisted by Elder H. W. Landis. Interment took place in the Pine Hill cemetery a few miles north of Des Moines.

WEAVER—Bernice Weaver (Winger), of Cheapside, Ontario, departed this life very suddenly on Friday, Sept. 22, in the New Liskeard hospital, at the age of 49 years. Born in Springvale, Ont., she was the daughter of the late Bro. and Sr. Andrew Winger, and from a child was a faithful member of the Brethren in Christ Church. At the age of 26 years she was united in marriage to Bro. Blake Weaver, with whom she devotedly served the Cheapside congregation as deaconess. Her home was enjoyed for its Christian hospitality by everyone, especially the needy.

Surviving are her husband, Bro. Blake Weaver; three brothers Harold of Vienna, Ontario, Walter of Crescent Park, Ont., and Kenneth of Cheapside, Ont.; two sisters, Margaret (Mrs. Thomas McKenzie), of Hagersville, Ont., and Lilly (Mrs. Walter Brauen), of Fort Stewart, Ont.

Funeral services were held in the Cheapside Brethren in Christ Church, in charge of Eld. E. M. Sider, assisted by Eld. J. Nigh, Bishop E. Gilmore and Bishop L. Shoalts. Interment took place in the Selkirk cemetery.

Clarence Center Services

Special services at Clarence Center, New York Nov. 12 to 26. Rev. C. Ray Heisey Upland, Calif., speaker Sunday, November 19 has been set apart as Dedication for children in the morning and in the afternoon at 2:30 P. M. Paul and Lela Hostetter will be ordained to the Christian Ministry.

Alvin Books Arrive

According to a cable received by the chairman of the Foreign Mission Board on November 5, Alvin and Thata Book arrived safely in Bulawayo. They left La Guardia Airport in New York on October 30.

Changes on Foreign Field

According to present plans Brother and Sister Eyer are being relieved from their mission work at Matopo and will return to the homeland in the beginning of the year 1951. Brother Eyer's physical condition has changed very little during the recent months. May our fervent prayers continue to follow them as they face this disappointment and seek to find a solution to the problems with which they are surrounded.

Sister Anna Eyster and Sister Anna Kettering are now beginning to plan to go to Africa. According to present plans they will likely be leaving for the field sometime during the first six months of 1951. The Foreign Mission Board is sure that they will appreciate your prayers as they make this preparation and enter into their activities in the field in Africa.

The disability of Brother Eyer to carry out his work as a Missionary has continued to make our man power problem in the African field very acute. After considerable prayer and consideration the Foreign Mission Board has decided to send Brother and Sister Earl Musser to help to meet this present need. Since they will continue in school until around January 1, 1951, preparation for going to the field will be delayed until after that time. They too will appreciate the Prayers of the church as they seek to go forward in the service of the Master, doing not the work of their own but the work of Him who hath called them to go forth as messengers of His, and ambassadors of the Church.

Henry N. Hostetter
Foreign Mission Board Sec'y.

These are the "Good Old Days" we will be talking about and longing for a few years from now. Make use of today.

One life showing the way is better than ten trying to tell it to you.

With the Church

Cedar Grove, Mifflintown, Pa.

October 1. Revival meetings opened with Elder Elwood Flewelling as evangelist. The messages given were heart searching and the Holy Spirit spoke to hearts. Although many rejected the call of God, yet there were some hands raised for prayer. Each Tuesday and Friday evenings, Brother Flewelling gave an object lesson to the children preceding the sermon, which was impressive to the older folks as well. Meetings were fairly well attended and continued for two weeks closing on the 15th. We trust the seed sown will bring forth fruit to the glory of God's blessing on Brother Flewelling as he goes to other fields.

We have again been reminded of the uncertainty of life in that the death angel has visited four homes in our vicinity within a radius of about six miles. One was a suicide. In less than a week it all took place. We remember Matthew 24:44 which says, "Therefore be ye also ready."

—Ella M. Lauver.

Sherkston, Ontario

The work here is progressing very well. We are engaged in boosting the Sunday School, under the "Forward" program. Our attendance averages around 96 each Sunday. Our superintendent, Brother Paul Climenhaga, plans something new to hold the children's interest. The young people have put on some excellent programs, and much talent is being developed. A few weeks ago Brother and Sister Cloke gave an interesting talk on their visit to five countries in Europe. They visited some of the MCC depots and saw the work first hand, and it inspired both the young people as well as their elders.

Brother Claude Sider represented this church as delegate to the Peace Conference at the United Mennonite Church at Virgil. We are asking God's blessing on all our activities and looking for greater results in the future.

Mowersville Congregation

A very impressive service was held on Sunday morning, October 22, when four precious babies were dedicated to the One who is the giver of such blessings.

The following were dedicated: Cheryl LeeAnn Bert, daughter of Brother and Sister Paul Bert; Donald Lee Wengert, son of Brother and Sister Samuel H. Wengert; Merle Ocker, son of Brother and Sister Aaron Ocker; and Doris Jean Bert, daughter of Brother and Sister David C. Bert.

Our prayer is that God may take these little lives and mold them according to His will.

Mrs. David C. Bert.

Rancho District, Pa.

Our summer Bible school convened July 24 at the Manheim Church and continued until August 4, with Brother J. Earl Martin as superintendent.

The school opened with teachers and pupils filled with enthusiasm to teach and study God's Holy Word. We had as our theme for the school, "Sin the Curse," for the first week of school. The second week, "Christ the Cure," or the all sufficient Saviour. We believe seed has been sown,

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that will bring forth fruit to life everlasting.

The attendance was very good. The boys and girls came regularly. By doing this we were able to have an average attendance of 376, an increase of twenty-one over that of last year. Thank God for the growing interest in the study of His Word.

During the school period we enjoyed many interesting things. Among them was a character talk almost every evening. I believe one of the most interesting evenings was the evening of our relief project, when the boys and girls enjoyed bringing pencils for the unfortunate children in Europe. They brought 2,282 pencils valued at \$91.28. The other special offering of the school was helping to buy bricks for the Altoona church. Thus making a total of \$360.15 for the general offerings of the school of which all was given to various mission projects and sewing circles.

The Lord blessed our school in many ways. On decision night He blessed with conviction when the invitation was given, more than a score of boys and girls came to the prayer room to pray and accept Christ as their Saviour. We thank God for the privilege of helping the children into the kingdom.

We trust that God will continue to bless the efforts of Summer Bible school work as his children keep humble and in the center of His will.

—H. Melvin Boose.

Rust S. S., Hillman, Michigan

Greetings in the name of a loving Father in heaven who has promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

We had a nice Bible School this year, extending from June 5 through June 15. We had an enrollment of 96 and an average attendance of 70 pupils. During the first week, Bro. Eagle from Detroit gave us a good message each night. Several children knelt at an altar of prayer on Decision Day.

Obedience

"To obey is better than sacrifice"

—Samuel 15:22

Christ never asks of us such busy labor

As leaves no time for resting at His feet;

The waiting attitude of expectation

He oft-times counts a service most complete.

He sometimes wants our ear, our rapt attention,

That He some sweetest secret may impart;

'Tis often in the time of deepest silence,

That heart finds deepest fellowship with heart.

We sometimes wonder why our Lord doth place us

Within a sphere so narrow, so obscure,

That nothing we call work can find an entrance;

There's only room to suffer, to endure.

As our old S. S. bus was no longer dependable, we purchased a newer one in June. We continue to pick up about 25 children each Sunday.

We have been having young people's meetings every other Sunday evening during the summer months.

We were privileged to have Brother and Sister Albert Brenaman and family with us on Sunday, June 30. The children as well as the adults were fascinated as they told of some interesting incidents of African life. Many of our outside children had never seen a missionary before.

The Conquerors Quartette from Upland College gave us an interesting program of songs and testimonies on Tuesday evening, June 25.

Our revivals began September 24 and continued through October 1, with our Love Feast being the last two days. We had Bishop Henry Ginder as our evangelist. He brought with him his wife, his sister and her husband and Bishop and Sister Joseph Ginder. We truly appreciated having them with us, and our hearts were inspired to press onward. We all felt that these meetings were really spiritual feasts. Hearts were touched more deeply than ever before with some yielding and a few still waiting until "another" time.

On October 3 we had our yearly council meeting with a few changes being made.

On Thursday, October 12, our group gave their fall radio program at Lapeer, Michigan.

Many vacationing guests have worshipped with us here this past summer.

Brother and Sister Joseph Vanderveer were home during part of the summer and fall, and are now gone to labor in a series of revival meetings. May the Lord bless them richly as they labor in this field of service.

We also wish to express our appreciation for the way Brother and Sister Paul Hill have so faithfully given of their time and themselves in filling the place of our pastor during his absence.

Pray for us in the work here at Rust.

—Opal Maggert.

Well God loves patience. Souls that dwell in stillness,

Doing the little things, or resting quite, May just as perfectly fulfil their mission, Be just as useful in the Father's sight.

As they who grapple with some giant evil, Clearing a path that every eye may see; Our Saviour cares for cheerful acquiescence Rather than for a busy ministry.

And yet He does love service, where 'tis given

By grateful love that clothes itself in deed;

But work that's done beneath the scourge of duty,

Be sure, to such He gives but little heed.

Then seek to please Him, whatso'er He bids thee,

Whether to do, to suffer, or lie still;

'Twill matter little by what path He led us, If in it all we sought to do His will.

On The Foreign Field



Bro. and Sr. Alvin Book, recently arrived on the African Mission Field.

"Go Ye Therefore . . . And, Lo, I Am With You Always"

"Go ye therefore," thus has God called. "And, lo, I am with you always," likewise has He promised. How bright is the path when His promise becomes our assurance. To the degree that we literally apply His Word, He will make it a reality. My faith has grown in the past months. As from time to time, each new perplexity would present itself, I would realize that, "this too I must commit." As I did so and would endeavor to keep myself in the background, I was thrilled to see that God did work and that rightly. And each new experience lifted my soul in praise and deepened my faith in Him.

My testimony is not only a praise for the blessed experience of salvation, but also a thanksgiving that He has placed His hand upon my life for full-time service. This call I accept humbly, feeling my unworthiness, but at the same time my heart is filled with joy that I have been thus blessed. I was saved as a little girl, and from that time my desire was to do that which was right. As I walked and obeyed, He led me into sanctification. This experience became a reality during my last year in the Upland academy. My call did not come to me at one definite time, but as I walked with Him—willing either to go or to stay, wanting above all to know and do His will—step by step He led me thus.

Now we stand on the threshold of bidding farewell to our native land, our home churches, our kind friends, and our dear families, but never did we feel more certain that we were in God's will. Therefore, while our hearts are sad in bidding farewell, they are at the same time joyfully anticipating service for the Master in that land to which He is calling.

—Mrs. Alvin Book.

" . . . Give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." [I Peter 1:10].

The plan for my life's work was unfolded while in attendance at Upland College. I entered as an academy freshman and exited as a College senior. The facing of a call to the foreign field was met at the altar in my high school junior year; I realized at this time, even though it was the justification experience, that I would have to surrender to a plan for foreign mission service. "How do I know?" You say, God's hand had been on my early life keeping within a tender heart toward spiritual realities, for as a child I felt leadings to go to Africa. As I yielded my life completely in the sanctifying experience, there was no other way for me except to yield to the master plan, and prepare for missionary candidacy.

It gives me a great amount of joy to realize that God has directed my life thus. I go forward in the strength that He gives, knowing that He will guide my path until He calls to come up higher.

"God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." Little did we realize a month-and-a-half ago that we would so soon be making plans for going to Africa. God's will is sweet and how can we doubt Him when he leads so definitely. The past few months have certainly been an encouragement to our faith. We would pray; God would answer by opening and closing the seemingly unmoveable doors. This is marvelous when God does the moving and we do the waiting. So we are upon the threshold of the door leading to African soil. We fear not, for He has strengthened our faith to stand on His blessed promises.

Rev. Alvin Book.

God Works Today

B. L. Byer

"Now we have seen a miracle performed in our midst in this modern age," said Mrs. Mitchell as a group of friends and relatives stood on deck of the freighter *Contest* with Joe and Marietta Smith who were soon to sail for India via Japan, as missionaries.

And truly it did seem miraculous when we think of all that was accomplished in two short months. It was wonderful the way God worked out many problems which were beyond human ability or acumen.

They crossed the country and held many meetings. A mass of material was collected, packed and shipped. Medical examinations, vaccinations, and immunizations were a part of the preparation. It was necessary to secure passports, visas and entrance permits.

Money enough came in just in time to secure passage on the *Contest* which was to sail on September 20. This reservation was made before the Government papers had arrived. Arrangements had been made for Bishop Wolgemuth, who was flying to San Francisco, to bring them with him. But then came notice that the sailing date was set ahead to September 18. This meant a call to Washington ordering the papers sent to the Mission home in San Francisco.

While many people prayed, the officials passed the papers from office to office for final approval. They were mailed air mail special delivery and came to 311 Scott Street, the last mail Saturday so they could be in the office of the steam ship Company Monday 9:00 a.m. God is never too late.

The Smiths held their last missionary meeting in the homeland in the mission hall Sunday evening. God seemed very near during the entire evening. Friends were there from the city as well as from a distance. One carload came from Upland and Pasadena.

Monday, the day of sailing, was busy with many last minute preparations. In mid-afternoon folks were making their way to pier 56 where their ship was taking on cargo. Passengers and friends were allowed aboard at 4:00 o'clock. It was very fitting that Mrs. Mitchell, mother of Marietta, and Mrs. Buckwalter, mother of Joe, both could be there to see them off.

Just as the sun was slipping down into the Pacific, more than 20 persons held a farewell meeting on deck. The songs and prayers and many promises that were quoted were impressive and befitting such an occasion.

The *Contest* is not only a freighter but a refrigerator ship and was loading fruit and frozen food and much other equipment for the Army of Occupation in Japan. The *Contest* is not the largest freighter. The ship itself displaced 13860 tons. In the very lowest part of the hold was stored 10,000 tons of oil for fuel. It has a capacity of 8,000 tons of cargo.

The first sailing date was 10:00 p.m. but the slowing of operations caused this to be changed to 11:00 p.m. About this time all the cargo was loaded, the six hatches were securely battened down, and the boom poles tied in place, and all the longshoremen filed ashore. The night which had been a bit too cold for comfort, was now balmy and exhilarating. The moon floated lazily in the sky overhead.

The purser came and asked all who were not going to Japan to go ashore. The group on the pier sang to those aboard ship and the four missionaries answered from the deck. The night was clear and the singing could be heard through the pier and out over the bay. Joe sang some solos as the tug slowly pushed the *Contest* from the pier as the hawsers were loosened. The last we heard was the missionaries singing a chorus "Goodbye."

*Goodbye our God be watching o'er you,
Goodbye His mercy goes before you;
Goodbye and we'll be praying for you,
Goodbye and may God bless you.*

The *Contest* stopped at Seattle to take on more cargo, then to Adak, Alaska, to discharge certain things and then straight to Japan in 17 days. It is planned that the Smiths will spend several weeks with the Dave Morkens in Youth for Christ work in Japan. Mrs. Morken is a sister of Marietta. They also plan to spend some weeks with Hubert Mitchell in India who will use them in Youth for Christ there before they proceed to their station in North Bihar.

Our First Christian Santal Wedding

The joining of two new young converts in holy matrimony is worthy of note, especially when they are the first Christian bride and groom among their people. This is the distinction borne by Paul Tudu and his bride Baha Magdalene Murmu.

Paul is one of the "older" converts, having been converted a year or two ago in Jhungi, two miles from our Khanua outstation. He is regular in attendance at services and has been a faithful witness in his own village, so much so that his sister and another young woman of the village also believed on Christ and were baptized in May of this year. Some time later, Benjamin, our preacher at Khanua, informed me that Paul and Baha were interested in getting married. I advised Benjamin to find out if all was in order and to set the date and I would do the rest. So it was that the Sunday before I left for the hills, I made the hour-and-a-half trip to Khanua through rain, mud and water on my faithful little motorcycle to what I thought was to be a wedding. But after waiting all Saturday afternoon and most of Sunday for the bridal party, we at last decided they weren't coming. Later I learned that they had been unable to get to Khanua because of rain, mud, and water. So after holding a short service with the Christians present I hurried home before dark.

I went to Landour as planned, and returned six weeks later to find that the couple still wanted to be married and were patiently awaiting my return. So the date was again fixed, this time for September 10. This time there was no delay! The couple arrived early in the morning even though they still had to wade waist-deep water to get to Khanua.

Upon the arrival of the bridal party the bamboo-thatch shed used as a schoolhouse and meeting place was carefully swept. Notice was given to the local villagers that at the second sounding of the gong the ceremony would begin. The bride and her

attendants were instructed that when Benjamin began playing his violin they were to come from the house nearby to the schoolhouse. The gong sounded, the villagers crowded in, Benjamin started the tedious process of getting his violin in tune. But at the first twang of the strings the bridal party marched in. So they sat demurely with averted faces until Benjamin was ready. Then he sang two wedding hymns—solo, because no one else knew the songs!

After Scripture and prayer and a few introductory remarks the ceremony proper began. I read the introduction in Hindi (some of the Santals can understand some Hindi). Then Benjamin read five Scripture passages in Santali. Next came the vows in Hindi with some clarification by Benjamin in Santali; I pronounced them husband and wife and Benjamin followed with a prayer of blessing in Santali. I then closed with the benediction in Hindi and presented Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tudu to the crowd. Then came an awkward vacuum of several minutes with no one knowing what to do next. Finally Benjamin gave some instructions to the bride and groom, and they then proceeded to go around bowing to each one and receiving their extended hand of blessing in return. That seemed to be the Santal way, and of course I was not overlooked.

There was no feast as these villagers are going through a very difficult time financially right now. However, Paul and Baha are eager to entertain the Christians in their home as soon as the new rice crop is harvested.

One of the questions confronting Santals who want to believe on the Lord Jesus is, "If we become Christians, where will we find wives for our boys?" To them this is a big matter, a real problem. But Benjamin confidently assures them that God will provide. "See," he says, "how God provided a girl for Paul. She was even from his own village!" His listeners have to agree that what Benjamin says is true. Silenced, they are again without excuse.

—Allen Buckwalter.

Take Courage

Charles R. Stump

*Let not failure end your doing
Nor broken dreams your dreaming;
Take courage with you while pursuing
Up the path that crests your gleaming.*

*Fret not: let Faith be your master;
Overcoming heartaches and your tears.
Seek well the cause of each disaster,
Be not enslaved with your fears.*

*Work with courage and patiently wait;
Let eternal values be your goal.
Think not failure must be your fate
But forward go with steadfast soul.*

—Marion, Indiana.

Four More Santals Baptized!

Let us thank God for answered prayer. We may not all use Miriam Hembrone's method, but we can be earnest in our thankfulness nevertheless. On Sunday (October 15) four new converts stood in application for baptism. One was Patras's wife. He has been standing alone in his family and has been much persecuted, but now his wife has joined him and is certainly changed and happy. Two others were a young couple from another village. The fourth was Bhagwan ("god"), from Khanua. He has believed for quite awhile but has been holding back from baptism on one excuse or another. On Sunday he conquered. Benjamin's joy knew no bounds. Miriam, Dina (Benjamin's daughter) and I went into the house following the meeting, and there Miriam danced her joy before the Lord. It was a high moment of spiritual ecstasy. I am glad I was privileged to see it. Following the baptism service our whole Christian group ate together. There were thirty of us, our new church in the Santal area! We thank God for your prayers. Continuing in prayer for this work, let us believe God for greater things. Many others are seriously considering following the Lord Jesus Christ. The touring season is about to start. Do pray much for us.

—Leoda Buckwalter.

Village Visitation in Northern Rhodesia

Annie E. Winger

The messages left us in Matthew 22:9 and in Luke 14:23 still remind us of Christ's command as given in one of His parables to go out into the highways and hedges and bid as many as we shall find to the marriage and to compel them to come in. God is still bidding men and women to the marriage supper of the Lamb and He desires that His house shall be full. So it is up to us to do our bit in fulfilling His command.

I had written before about my visitation among the people in Southern Rhodesia. I visited the majority of the people in our Outschool areas there. A few were quite difficult to get to with a donkey outfit, and so I visited them hurriedly with Brother Climenhagas as they made their trips of inspection. And a few schools have been opened since I passed the area. I think there are now seventy-two Outschools in Southern Rhodesia.

In March of this year I came to Macha Mission in Northern Rhodesia, and I've been doing the same work here. There are twenty-one schools in this area and fourteen in the Sikalongo District. I'm hoping to finish here at Macha yet this season. I still have seven more schools to visit and some villages surrounding the mission.

My mode of travel is somewhat different here in the North. There are scarcely any donkeys in these parts, and because of the tsetse fly, oxen aren't allowed to cross into certain districts. Therefore our mode of transportation is different in different places. We have tried to obtain the co-operation of the Outschool teachers and their pupils. So our method has been that Brother Hershey provides transportation to the first school by ox-cart, if that is pos-

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Are You In Love?

Roy J. Wilkins

YES, IT'S A wonderful feeling when you realize for the first time that you're *in love!* There's nothing quite like it. For there's no one quite as nice (in *your* opinion, anyway) as—Jack—or Jean—or Robert—or Roberta! Yes, it's quite all right—as well as quite normal—to be in love.

But, have you ever stopped to realize what a wonderful thing it is to be in love—*spiritually* speaking?

Before you were saved, you had *no love for God*. You had no love for His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. You did not love and honor the Holy Spirit. For the "Great-Three-In-One" were utter strangers to you. You completely ignored them, omitting them from your life of frivolity. But now that you have become a child of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, what a difference! Your life has been completely changed, hasn't it? Your love toward the Blessed Trinity is warm and vibrant, a living reality!

Isn't it a great privilege to know that God the Father loves you? And that you know you are in love with Him? And with His Son, who left Heaven's glories to die on the Cross, that you might some day share in Heaven's glories?

Before you were saved, you had no love for God's Holy Word. Yes, you may have attempted to read it, occasionally—because you felt it was the right thing to do. Many of us did that. But, for all you tried, you didn't get very interested in the Scriptures. The Bible seemed such a dull Book. The detective and love story magazines were much more readable. So you put it back on the shelf where it accumulated another coat of dust!

What a different story now? When Christ got control of your life, the Book which told so many beautiful things about His life became a brand new Book to you! Because you had met the Author, His Book took on new meaning, new life. And now, you love to read it, regularly, because it is, in reality, a Book of Love Letters from the Lover of your soul!

Before you were saved, you had no love for God's House. True, you may have gone to church occasionally—or even regularly. But not because you really loved to go. At least, not to worship God. Maybe you went to please your Mother. Or your Dad. Or Grandmother. Or you went because your girl friend or boy friend did. Or for a dozen different reasons—one of them being to try and stifle your smarting conscience!

But, now, you're in church every time there's a service; or, at least, you desire to be. No one has to push or drag you to church now. Like David of old, you can say from your (changed) heart, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord."

Before you were saved, you had no love for God's people. No, of course, you didn't



actually hate them; at least, not very much. But you didn't really love them, either. You felt sort of sneaky-like when you were forced to be in the presence of your saintly Sunday school teacher; or your godly pastor perhaps. You breathed a big sigh of relief when you could get with "the Gang" again. For Christians just didn't talk in your language. What appealed to them, aggravated you.

But isn't it different now? Now you'd rather chum with Christians than with anyone else. Your fellowship with them is like a foretaste of Heaven. And that's the way it *should* be. For "Birds of a feather do flock together"—in the church—and in the world!

Say, young Christian, aren't you glad you're saved? Aren't you glad you've fallen in love with a Friend whose Love for you is an everlasting love?

—Dodge Center, Minnesota.

The path to peace of mind is to pray about everything.

We witness a little by what we say, more by what we do, but most by what we are.

Salvation is free but we must pay the freight in sending it on to others.

In The Homeland

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First Impressions

Ruth Zercher

If harmony is a gift from Heaven, then I feel tonight that I've been blessed with a close touch of Heaven. I've been thinking how I could share with friends of this mission station something of my first impressions here, and this evening during our evening devotions I felt that now was the time to do it.

I arrived here at the mission station Friday, October 13, and found we were in time for the regular Friday afternoon service. There are twenty-seven children here in boarding school, and on Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon when the parents (usually the mothers) are here to take the children to and from school for the week end, the mission takes advantage of the opportunity to have a service in the schoolroom. This room also serves as a chapel and dining room. The benches this week-end were well filled. We will soon need to enlarge our facilities.

Today, Sunday, was spent here at the mission. This forenoon the workers met for Sunday School together, except for Rosa Eyster who taught the six children who had stayed all week-end. Then a fellowship dinner, cafeteria style, at the mission home. (Usually the children eat in the schoolroom). This afternoon we had a service for the Indians which consisted of songs both in English and Navajo, a flannelgraph story and a heart to heart message by Brother Schmucker in which we were impressed with the fact that every unkind act or word leaves a black mark on our hearts. Jesus can forgive us but the scar is there even though healed. After the service in complimenting Brother Schmucker on the message I learned the secret of the vital force with which it was given. He told me that while sitting at his desk he bowed his head, and the Lord gave him the general thought of the message which he illustrated with two sticks.

The climax of the day, after the children were all put to bed, was the fellowship of the workers in the mission home living-room. Many tears were shed and many a smile exchanged as we talked together heart to heart.

Tomorrow we expect the state doctor and nurse to come to discuss plans for the medical work here. There is much need here for medical aid as most of the Indians have only horses and sometimes wagons which makes it impossible for them to go forty-five miles to the nearest hospital except by outside help. They have already had four maternity cases here and two more promised. Our only facility here for such work is the second floor of the school building. We are thankful to report that through the generosity of the church we expect to have electricity and also water piped into the building.

We do thank God for His blessing on the work here and for the Indian young couple who are building a home here at the station so as to be our interpreter and a link between us and the people.

—Bloomfield, New Mexico.

How To Pray

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a hymn of victory, and committed themselves in faith to a position of absolute reliance upon God to fulfil His Word. The next day a division arose among the atheists, their leader disappeared from the town, and a week later he was arraigned before the police court and sentenced for other matters in his life. Then the authorities intervened, and stopped the whole campaign on the market square, and the devil's attack was brought to nought.

In the light of this, and many other proofs of the workings of this truth, is the Church of God to sit still, and let the enemy work unhindered? Is Satan to stir up strife on every hand while men pretend there is no devil, and Christians shut their eyes, and say, "We do not like to speak about him"? This in itself is the work of Satan, and God's children are taking sides with the world, which is under his building power (II Cor. 4:4), when they yield to their feelings, and do not wish to face the truth. If you will only take the Word of God, and search out these things for yourself, you will understand that the victory of Calvary was not only a victory over sin, but victory over Satan—not only as a tempter, but as a hinderer, as a counterfeiter, as a deceiver, as a liar. And you will learn that you can have victory over the "strong man" in the victory of Calvary, and that too, not only for yourself, but for others: yea, you may also stand with Jesus Christ in victory for India, for China, for Africa.

The Place of Spiritual Conflict

When men walk as "natural men" they are not much troubled about Satan, for he hides himself behind their natural condition. It is when a man becomes "spiritual" and seeks to serve God, that he knows the opposition of Satan. Directly the spirit is open to God, it is also open to the forces that are against God. When into the spirit of man the Holy Spirit comes and takes His place of indwelling, then immediately comes Satan as an angel of light, to try to counterfeit the Spirit of God. He is in a spiritual realm, and hence the forces that come against him are spiritual forces.

The children of God ought to be "as lights" in the world. We may live as children of light, clothed with the armor of light, if we know our union with Christ in spirit, and understand how the forces of darkness can attack body and mind, and how to throw them off, and take victory over them in the mighty Name of Jesus.

God means you to have victory. God intends your whole spirit, and soul, and body to be set free for His service. He means you to have your memory in full use, and entire control of your imagination, through the Name of Jesus. God means you to have your mind closed against the sugges-



tions of the powers of darkness; to have your spirit so free that you can give the word of your testimony, and that you shall lose that sense of being bound — "this woman whom Satan hath bound"! The Holy Spirit of God, enthroned in your spirit, wants to use you, but cannot if you are oppressed and heavy, and bound. Therefore ask God to give you the knowledge of liberty and victory in Christ, spirit, soul and body, so that you may walk in victory, and accept no bondage that comes to you without saying, "If this is from the enemy, I refuse it."

You ask if this is enough! Yes, in this way: if you are joined to Christ in spirit, and are seated with Him in His place of victory, from that position "in the Lord" (Eph. 6:10) you have power to say that Satan *shall not* touch your circumference, because it belongs to Jesus Christ. You may say to the emissaries of Satan that they *shall not* interfere with your memory, for it belongs to Jesus Christ and is for His use; that they *shall not* interfere with your tongue, and make you say things you do not mean to say, because your tongue belongs to Jesus Christ. From that center throne of union with Christ "far above all principalities and powers" you, as an intelligent redeemed soul, can take that simple attitude toward these forces of evil.

This is workable, and there is no "theory" about it. This key will unlock a thousand problems in the lives of God's children. They are yearning to be all that God wants them to be, and, as far as their wills are concerned they do belong wholly to God—and yet these souls are bound. If they lived a life of steady victory, living in the spirit, praying in the spirit, the servants of God toiling in far-off lands would have a prayer force at the back of them that would tell with mighty power. God has put into the hands of His children weapons for the warfare, weapons which are not of the flesh, but are "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" (II Cor. 10:4). If the people of God only knew, and laid hold of the weapons God has given them, they would arise with a shout of victory instead of being depressed and talking about the blackness of the outlook on the world. The powers of darkness that have come down upon the whole Church of Christ could be

shaken off. There are physical and nervous breakdowns, divisions injuring God's work, extraordinary tangles in Mission affairs, so great that some of God's saints do not know where to turn.

Binding the Strong Man

Here is the key: Take the victory of Calvary, and bind the "strong man" by prayer, so that he cannot stop the supplies for God's work. Bind him from sending money out for the devil's work. Bind him from pouring in money to those who are doing the very work of Antichrist. There is plenty of money for propagating lies, and God's people are retrenching. This ought to go to the hearts of all. What is the matter? Satan is manifestly holding the money, and God's children do not know how to deal with the situation. We ought to have more money for God's work than the devil has for his, but the Church will not get it until she recognizes that Satan is holding it back. Is he not the "god of this world"? Is he not pushing the *natural man* into extravagances, leading him to exalt the natural man by grand buildings, costly ornaments, and costly clothes? God's people are doing all this—and yet men and women are willing to spend thousands of dollars for anti-Christian cults. Does not the Church of Christ need liberating? Oh! may the Spirit of God come and set them free.

What shall we do? If you have got even a glimpse of the fact that Satan was conquered at Calvary, and that Christ says to you, "Bind the strong man in My Name," and you *believe* His word, "Behold I have given you authority . . . over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall in any wise hurt you" (Luke 10:19, R. V.), "the spirits are subject unto you" (v. 20) in His Name. Then go and take it, just as you at one time took salvation by faith in Him. It is not your experience, it is not your joy, it is the Name, *the Name, the NAME*—"in MY NAME"! Bind the enemy in the Name of Jesus. Ask that the enemy be bound in China, in Africa, and in other lands. Ask that the missionary societies shall not have to retrench — that thing ought not to be. It is an awful thing to keep back matured missionaries from returning to their stations because there is no money. May God have mercy on the Church at home! It ought to send us to our knees to enquire *what is the cause!* O souls! do not beat yourselves. *It is the Strong Man.* "Bind" him, in the NAME OF JESUS.—Selected from the *Alliance Weekly* by D. D.

The development of faith depends upon our acquaintance with God.

"When I hear some folks testify, I almost ask, 'Speakest thou this of thyself or did someone tell thee?'"

Perils in The Way

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liever, BUT RIGHTLY SO. Inconsistent living spreads *Peril* in the way.

(5) Acceptance of Non-Combatant Stand.

Do you desire to be unrestrained and unlimited in your testimony of Jesus to a dying world? Would you like to be free from identification of nationality when trying to reach the hearts of the peoples of *All* the world? Are you anxious to steer clear of entanglement with the military machine? Does the Scripture mean to you what it indicates in, "Abstain from all appearances of evil?" Are you willing to sacrifice financially to preserve the testimony of peace inaugurated by the Prince of Peace? Is there enough of metal in your CO persuasion to suffer the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" found in ridicule and stigma from the world? Will you leave an unstinted CO heritage to your own son, or do you propose to damn his soul by keeping the true light from him? Shall we as a nation and a church invoke God's continued blessings on "ourselves and our posterity" by obedience to an undiluted conviction?

CHOOSE YOU MUST! A CLEAR-CUT, UNQUESTIONABLE, SPIRIT-FILLED CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR, Or a non-combatant CO—WHICH? Less *Peril* lies with the former.

(6) War Propaganda

Pressmen and radio commentators are pledged to support the role of their own nation. They are not to be blamed. Naturally people like to experience the pleasant and hopeful. Competitive nations must maintain the co-operative morale of her subjects. Even in view-point, U.S. and Canada differ in press releases. At this juncture of Christian versus international relationships lies the most injurious of the seven *Perils* of this discussion. What we have been taught to think in respect to ourselves and to others moulds our conducts both present and future. A CO cannot be too careful to maintain his poise of love and world evangelism. Propaganda, whether American or European, will stimulate our nationalistic ego, and unless tempered by real Holy Ghost love, we will become the guinea pigs of the power and designs of Satan through unholy men.

Let us test ourselves. I suggest the use of a few terms we all hear and know:

Iron Curtain (does this make you suspicious of Russia?)

Chinese Reds (Perhaps none are safe to trust)

A-Bomb (We have the most powerful, thank goodness)

Korean War (This is the place to stop the communists)

Catholic Abuse in Europe (The church of America had better rise to a defense)

I am aware that so subtle is the propaganda machinery that Russia couldn't tell America that she does suffer some injustices: we are ready to believe every magnified report of Russia designing if an American reports it. What I have suggested above will indicate that our concepts are marred, our judgments are harsh, our aims are confused, and our matters of greatest concern are of this world and the destiny of our country. We give prime devotion to seeking financial security, religious liberty, unrestricted freedom of enterprise, and the advancement of our children to position and fame, rather than obtaining security for our ETERNAL SOULS. Why? Because we have been propagandized to an interest in the destiny of the world, and at the same time have been decoyed from Christ's command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Nationalistic propaganda is indeed *A Peril* to our CO stand.

(7) War Hysteria

We retire for the night. With the first streak of day the telephone jingles—"What Did You Say!"—"Sighted near to New York"—(headlines) A Surprise Attack Of The Russians—one-third of the city annihilated—Our navy in the Pacific—John and Harry both left this morning for camp—Spirit of St. Louis derailed, Communists—Bacterial warfare infested Philadelphia with diphtheria—One pound of sugar per family per week—Dear Mrs. Jones,—your son missing in action—nation called to prayer,—Rev. Godless sets up enlistment center, urges all Christians to respond—all COs assigned to concentration camps,—

Let me ask you frankly, is such the time to make your decision in respect to war? Can one afford to be without conscience, conviction, the Word, and God?

It is certain that we cannot be too well grounded in this doctrine of Non-Resistance. I am glad to subscribe my name to the following: Can A Christian Fight, by O. B. Ulery; Non-Resistance Under Test, by E. J. Swalm; Constitution-Doctrine-By-Laws-and Rituals of the Brethren in Christ Church; Manual For Christian Youth, (Brethren in Christ); General Conference Minutes of the Brethren in Christ Church (1948) and all special meetings that espouse this *GOD-REVEALED TRUTH!*

Nothing is more despised by your brethren and the public than selfishness.

The Bible does not say that we must live, but it does say we must die.

On The Foreign Field

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sible, and if not, he takes me by car and leaves me there. Then the school children take me on to the next place, and so on until we return to the mission again.

Sometimes the girls are chosen to do it and sometimes the boys, but more often the girls, as girls are taught from childhood to carry on their heads. In some areas where they have oxen, they provide their own oxen and scotchcarts or sleds, with boys to accompany us.

Here around Macha the schools average from five to eight miles apart.

I have three girls who accompany me all the time. In fact the one is a grass widow. She was married by Christian marriage about eight years ago. After that her husband went to Johannesburg to work and has never returned. Many under similar circumstances would have gone to another man, but this one still desires to stand true. She and I ride bicycles to the schools and to the villages, except when it is very far, then we get someone else to take our bicycles to the school to which we are going and we go with the car.

The other two girls walk to the schools and stay with us at our camping place. They also stay at our camping place while Mono and I are out visiting.

There are not as many villages up here but they are larger. We have service at each village we visit. We try to let them know on ahead when we expect to come. Some of the people respect our wishes and stay at home till we come, others pay little heed and go to their gardens or other work even though they know we'll be coming. On the whole I think the people are more indifferent to their soul's need. Many seemingly don't realize that they have souls to be saved. However, we are glad for those who are interested and who have a desire to follow the Lord.

Sorry to say there are not as many women here who stand true regardless of what their husbands do. In the South many of the women still try to follow the Lord against many odds, even though their husbands fall back and take other wives or indulge in beer drinking or other similar evils. But here it seems if one goes back the other one will likely follow.

It is very heart-breaking to find those who at one time attended school or were members or class members who have allowed themselves to get tied up in difficult marriage relations from which it is next to impossible to be released. One would think that the rising generation would take heed to the pitfalls into which their parents have fallen, but far too many do not, until it is too late. Then in case they do want to retrace it is very hard for them. And many are not willing to pay the price. It is usually easier to win a soul for the first time than to get a backslider to return.

Then too there are a goodly number who say they want to be Christians but who are not willing to leave off their old habits or customs. They still are not willing to put off the old man and become new creatures in Christ Jesus. They need "line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little." And as Jesus commanded us to pray saying, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest for the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few."

There is still more to be done than can be accomplished by those who are already here. Just to visit these schools a couple times a year isn't sufficient to keep the most of them encouraged in spirit as one would like to see them enjoy. And Satan is just as subtle here as anywhere else and will lure as many away as he is able.

So we do intreat of you to pray for those who have stood true down through the years that they may continue to be faithful.

Pray also for the evangelists who go about from school to school conducting services among their own people.

Pray for the young men teachers and their wives who man most of the schools here in the North and who usually live on the school grounds. And also for the young single men and women who are helpers at some of these places.

Pray also for the large groups of boys and girls in school that they may not only desire to learn educationally but most of all, spiritually.

And pray earnestly for the many backsliders that they may not have rest until

And pray also for the young folk of marriageable age that they may be willing to take the Christian way and be married according to Christian rites and be willing to live up to their marriage vows thereafter.

they are willing to return whole-heartedly to the Lord.

And again I say, "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

—Macha Mission, Choma, N. Rhodesia.

Faith in The Young

Earl L. Douglass

Last Spring the Sunday school of a certain church presented a Children's Day program into which both pupils and teachers had put a great deal of thought and energy. Yet on the day of presentation, so few parents were present that the whole thing was a rather dismal failure. One could see that the children particularly were disappointed and disillusioned by the indifference of their elders.

The members of this church, either through ignorance, indifference or both, were disregarding one of their primary responsibilities as Christians — to make Christians of their children. Certainly it was plain that the survival of Christianity depends on the inculcation of the faith in the young. This can only be done by adopting teaching methods and material to the progressive levels of child intelligence.

A children's day program may seem naive and trite to the adult but it is a very real emotional experience for the young participants. And if, as in this instance, children became convinced that their elders don't think religion important, they will think it is at worst fraud and at best a waste of time. The parent must interest himself not only in religion, but in the child's religious experience, if he expects the child to become Christian.—*Selected.*

Be Kind

The favorite motto of Dr. John Watson, better known by his pen name of Ian Maclaren, is said to have been this: "*Be kind, for every one you meet is fighting a hard battle.*"

If all parents realized this, there would be less "do's and don't's." A child's problems are small to a parent, but they are very real and large to a child. It is just as hard for a child to decide how best to spend that shiny new quarter as it is for the parent to allocate the weekly pay check.

If all teachers understood it, there would be less "I hate school!" A problem of simple addition is just as tough for the beginner as the binomial theorem is to the student of college algebra. Maybe tougher.

If all ministers realized it, there would be less attempts to "unscrew the unscrutable" and more effort to solve the problems of day-to-day living. Congregations are made up of hungry people. People who are hungry for comfort, who are starved for the "peace that passeth understanding." A loved one is ill in mind or body; a son is walking the primrose path; a daughter is on the brink of divorce; a business is on the edge of failure; parents do not "understand"; fears are in the way.

If all employers knew it, there would be fewer kicks and more pats. There would be assurances of greater security and more recognition of the worth of the individual, for jobs are people, and people are fellow human beings.

If all employees knew it, the "boss" would also be found to be fighting a rugged battle. Payrolls to meet, customers to satisfy, changing conditions to cope with.

"None is so near the gods," wrote Seneca, "as he who shows kindness." The other fellow is fighting a hard battle, too.

—*Sunshine Magazine.*

News Notes

Relief Workers Needed

A number of workers are needed to replace those whose terms are being completed, particularly persons for work among refugees, various teaching and counselling services, and other duties. Areas of service are Europe, the Middle East and the Far East.

Concerning the Draft

There is indication that numerous local draft boards have recently been taking men from Class IV-E and placing them into Class I-A-O, on the grounds that there is no present alternative service to which they can send COs.

In this action, the local boards are in error, and men in this situation should appeal to again have Class IV-E. It is true that there is no present alternative service, but none is required by law. The local boards are not required to find work for COs, but merely to classify them as instructed by Selective Service Regulations.

Men should be careful to distinguish between Classes I-A-O and IV-E. Class I-A-O refers to conscientious objectors to combatant service, who are however willing to serve in the armed forces in an assignment not requiring the use of arms. They are subject to military discipline, take certain types of military training, and wear army uniforms. Class IV-E refers to conscientious objectors to all forms of military service, both combatant and noncombatant.

There is Work for Deferred Men

Conviction has been expressed that now is the time for deferred young men to make a witness through some type of constructive sacrificial service. Inquiries have also been made on what is being done by the MCC and other church leaders to make such service possible.

The MCC and a number of Mennonite conferences have precisely such project openings now, and have had for some time. Workers, particularly men, are now needed and can be used without developing new voluntary service projects. Anyone feeling constrained to volunteer for service to bear testimony to the nonresistant belief, should apply to either the MCC or the conference leaders.

Concerning the Draft

A number of men who have been in Class I-A or in the Army Reserves have recently asked for help in securing recognition as conscientious objectors. Unfortunately they did not make known their CO position until after they received their physical examination or even order to report for induction. All possible assistance is given to such men.

It should be made very clear, however, that men who delay to make their position clear, through negligence or other reasons, place themselves in an extremely difficult problem. Men who for some reason now hold Class I-A, or are in the active or inactive Reserves, and mean to take the CO position, should immediately take steps to clear their position, and should under no circumstance wait to make their convictions known until they receive their call from the Local Board or the Reserves headquarters.

Funds Needed for Bibles

Urgent requests come from various units on the relief field, for Bibles, hymn books, Bible school and Sunday School materials, and other religious literature. This need corresponds to the present growing emphasis in relief, where material help is given on a more personal basis, accompanied by a stronger spiritual emphasis. Contributions for this special literature fund should be so designated.